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C O N F I D E N T I A L ANTANANARIVO 1299

E.O. 11652:GDS  
TAGS: CASC (LAPPEMAN EDMOND H), MA, US  
SUBJECT: W/W (ARRESTS) EDMOND H. LAPPEMAN

REFS: (A) EMBASSY'S DIPLOMATIC NOTENO. 110 OF JUNE 15, 1977,  
TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, (B) ANTANANARIVO 1113

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE RECEIVED JULY 13 IN REPLY TO  
MINE OF JUNE 15 (REFS) REQUESTING CONSULAR ACCESS. MALAGASY  
REPLY SAYS THAT "BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE INFRACTION  
COMMITTED BY MR. LAPPEMAN, INFRACTION AFFECTING PUBLIC ORDER,  
COMPETENT AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT IT IS STILL INOPPORTUNE  
THAT THE EMBASSY BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE  
PERSON IN QUESTION. THIS AUTHORIZATION COULD BE GRANTED AT  
A FUTURE DATE."

2. I CALLED ON CHIEF OF PROTOCOL TODAY TO ASK HIM WHOM I  
SHOULD SEE TO CONTEST THIS DECISION. HE SAID THAT NEITHER  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOR MINISTER OF JUSTICE HAD ANY  
OBJECTION TO ACCESS AND THAT MINISTER OF INTERIOR WAS PROBABLY  
THE KEY PERSON. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT ALL MINISTERS WERE  
HARD TO SEE AT THIS TIME IN VIEW OF EXPECTED GOVERNMENT  
RESHUFFLE AND THAT IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE FOR ME TO PUT  
MY ARGUMENTS IN WRITING. I TOLD HIM I PREFERRED TO  
MAKE MY CASE ORALLY IN ORDER TO AVOID CONTENTIOUS APPEAR-  
ANCE PRODUCED BY A WRITTEN ARGUMENT. HE THEN AGREED TO SEEK  
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AN APPOINTMENT FOR ME WITH THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND  
TO LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER IT WAS  
FEASIBLE. I INTEND TO MAKE THE CASE WITH MINISTER OF  
INTERIOR, OR IN WRITING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY IF NECESSARY,  
THAT "NATURE OF INFRACTION" HAS NOT PREVENTED US FROM  
SEEING LAPPEMAN IN PAST AND THAT VIENNA CONVENTION  
REQUIRES SUCH ACCESS.

3. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL ALSO TOLD ME THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE THAT ANY MESSAGE HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM MALAGASY CHARGE IN WASHINTON REGARDING JUNE 22 DEMARCHE BY DEPARTMENT ON LAPPEMAN CASE (STATE 149989). HOWEVER, HE WILL CHECK TO SEE IF ONE WAS RECEIVED ELSEWHERE IN MINISTRY OR IN MALAGASY GOVERNMENT. BARRETT

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